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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL GRAIN PRICE ARRANGEMENT AMONG
EXPORTERS

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1. IN SPEECH TO GROCERY WHOLESALERS IN HALIFAX ON MAY 31
MINAG WHELAN CHARACTERISTICALLY DEVIATED FROM PREPARED TEXT
AND APPARENTLY SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT THE DESIREABILITY OF
FOOD PRODUCER CARTELS.

2. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL CARRIED WHAT APPEARS TO BE
RATHER COMPLETE STORY ON THIS PORTION OF WHELAN'S SPEECH.
REFERENCE TO SECRETARY BERGLAND RELATES TO BERGLAND'S
(ALLEGED) PERSONAL SUPPORT OF WHEAT BOARD SELLING. BUT
WHELAN ADDED HE WAS NOT SURE IF USG HAD A POLICY ON THIS.
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HE ADDED THAT AMERICANS ARE COMMITTED TO THE PHILOSOPHY
OF A MARKET SYSTEM.

3. AS REPORTED BY PRESS, WHELAN ANNOUNCED THAT CANADA,
AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA AND THE U.S. ARE PRESENTLY DISCUSSING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OPEC STYLE CARTELS COVERING CEREAL
GRAINS, BEEF AND DAIRY PRODUCTS. WHELAN ALSO IS REPORTED

TO HAVE SAID THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE
WFC MEETING IN MEXICO CITY JUNE 12-14.

4. EMBASSY HAS ASKED CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IF
GLOBE AND MAIL ARTICLE ACCURATELY REPORTS WHAT MINISTER
WHELAN SAID. WILL ADVISE WHEN INFORMED. ENDERS

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